

REMARKS

Claims 6-63 are pending, with claims 6, 7, 10, 24, 32, 40, and 48 being independent. Claims 6, 7, 10, 21, 24, 31, 32, 39, 40, and 48 have been amended and claims 57-63 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the specification at least at page 1, line 6. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 15-18, 26-29, 34-37, 42-45, and 50-53 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 6-14, 19-25, 30-33, 38-41, 46-49, and 54-56 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,359 (Kimura). Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection because the rejection is obviated by the submission of a terminal disclaimer with this Reply.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a notice to that effect. The fee in the amount of \$350 for excess claim fees is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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